

NOTICE

PLUMBING AND IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS **HOMEBUILDERS**

Effective January 1, 1996, State Law requires that backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested upon installation by a recognized backflow prevention assembly tester. Backflow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against high health hazards must also be tested at least annually by a recognized backflow prevention device tester.

Prior to receiving a final inspection and/or a certificate of occupancy for any project with a backflow prevention device, testing certification shall be submitted to the City of Grapevine Building Inspection Department by an approved backflow prevention tester. A copy of the tester's credentials shall also be submitted.

Property owners with high hazard backflow prevention devices shall arrange to have testing certification submitted to the City of Grapevine Building Inspection Department at least once yearly.

Prior to receiving a final inspection on a backflow prevention device for a fire sprinkler line, testing certification shall be submitted to the Fire Marshal. This certification shall be prepared by an approved backflow prevention device tester who is employed by a State Licensed Fire Protection Contractor. A copy of the tester's credentials shall also be submitted to the Fire Marshal.

To qualify as a recognized backflow prevention assembly tester you must complete a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) approved course and pass an examination administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) or a designated agent.

Also effective January 1, 1996, State Law requires that a customer service inspection be performed. This inspection must occur prior to providing continuous water service to new construction, after any material improvement, correction, or addition to private plumbing facilities, or when the water supplier believes that a cross-connection or unacceptable plumbing exists.

This customer service inspection will be performed by Licensed Plumbing Inspectors from the City of Grapevine Building Inspection Department. A checklist will be left on site at the time plumbing final inspection is passed.

Development Services Department